

Woodcutting Permits

Shasta-Trinity National Forest



Cutting firewood for personal use is a popular past-time for a lot of people who live in or near the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Each year, hundreds of people go to the woods to stock up on their winter's supply of firewood, lots of times thinking about how pleasant it will be to sit in front of a warm fire on a cold and rainy winter night. There is something very satisfying about a nicely cut, split and stacked wood pile. Having one can give a person a feeling of well being, especially in the face of winter storms that often knock down power lines or otherwise damage the areas power supply. Before you head out with your chainsaw however, there are a few things you should know about cutting firewood on the National Forests...

Obtaining a firewood permit

Rules for cutting firewood differ from forest to forest because timber stands and forest management goals differ by zone. Personal Use Fuelwood Cutting Permits are available at the Ranger Station Office for the area you wish to cut wood in. Your woodcutting permit includes the permit, a map, and fuelwood tags. Your permit is valid for cutting fuelwood only in the zones designated on the permit and map.

There may be special restrictions on where and what kind of wood you can cut. Wilderness areas, historic sites, and critical wildlife habitat, for example, are closed to fuelwood cutting.

The cost for the fee permit is \$5 per cord with a minimum charge of \$20. A maximum of 12 cords may be purchased per family per year.

Keep in mind that areas of private land are scattered within the boundaries of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. The permit you are issued is NOT valid for cutting wood on private land.

Equipment regulations

As a fire precaution, permittees are required to have an approved fire extinguisher and a shovel with an overall length of at least 46 inches within 25 feet of the chainsaw operation. Chainsaws must be equipped with a USDA Forest Service approved spark arrester system. The spark arrester system must be complete and in good working order.

Snags and wildlife

Snags are protected as wildlife habitat on the national forest. Do not cut any standing live or dead tree (snag) unless specifically authorized in your permit.

Seasonal limits

In wet seasons, some unpaved national forest roads are closed because they are extremely hazardous to drive on and would be damaged by heavy use.

Most timberland is above the snow line, so many roads are impassible for several months during the winter and early spring. In summer and early fall, parts of some National Forests may be closed because of fire danger. Late spring and late fall are generally the best times to cut fuelwood.

Daily fire restrictions are available on the Forest Service fuelwood telephone recordings listed on your map and permit. Cutting may be restricted or shut down depending on weather conditions during fire season.

Most wood species do not burn well when freshly cut. Plan on drying (seasoning) your firewood for several months before using it. If you can, stack your firewood off the ground and in a place that allows free air circulation around the pile... this will facilitate drying.



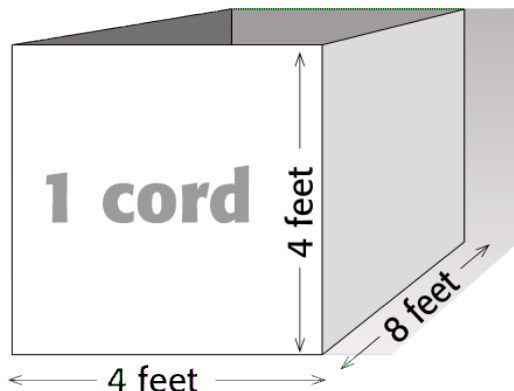
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How to measure firewood

The most common measurement for the volume of firewood is the CORD. A standard cord is a tightly stacked pile 4' X 4' X 8'. This amounts to an average 128 cubic feet of wood.

Permit Information

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest is open all year to woodcutting unless weather conditions result in restrictions. Be sure to call the forest fuelwood telephone recording to know what restrictions are in effect for the day you want to cut fuelwood.

For more information about obtaining Personal Fuelwood Permits on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, please write or call the following Shasta-Trinity National Forest Offices:

USDA Service Center

Shasta-Trinity National Forest
3644 Avtech Parkway
Redding, CA 96002
(530) 226-2500 (voice)
(530) 226-2490 (TDD)

Big Bar Ranger Station

Star Route 1, Box 10
Big Bar, CA 96010
(530) 623-6106 (voice)
(530) 623-6129 (TDD)

Hayfork Ranger Station

P.O. Box 159
Hayfork, CA 96041
(530) 628-5227 (voice)
(530) 628-5222 (TDD)

McCloud Ranger Station

P.O. Box 1620
McCloud, CA 96057
(530) 964-2184 (voice)
(530) 964-2692 (TDD)

Mt. Shasta Ranger Station

204 West Alma
Mt. Shasta, CA 96067
(530) 926-4511 (voice)
(530) 926-4512 (TDD)

Shasta Lake Ranger Station

14225 Holiday Road
Redding, CA 96003
(530) 275-1587 (voice)
(530) 242-5526 (TDD)

Weaverville Ranger Station

P.O. Box 1190
Weaverville, CA 96093
(530) 623-2121 (voice)
(530) 623-6010 (TDD)

Yolla Bolla Ranger Station

2555 State Highway 36
Platina, CA 96076
(530) 352-4211 (voice)
(530) 352-4212 (TDD)

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